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Chief Philip Paul of the Teartlip Band said: "Native Indians are not going to follow the NDP quite so blindly as they have in the past." (Times, Dec. 2/75). This is a double negative if there ever was one, because what could be more blind than the act of following? Leadership is coalescent with the dictatorship of a minority class over the rest of society, the majority being motivated by the empty theory that what's good for general Bull Moose is good for everybody. A theory which holds little water when confronted with the lot of the ordinary Jane and Joe, an obviousness of material circumstances which sadly cannot seem to withstand the flood of 24 hour per day, cradle to the grave double-speak of the general media, to the contrary, which indicates that the useful class is always involved, at least unconsciously.

For instance, the German electorate gave the Nazi Party and its ally, the National Party a 51.9 per cent mandate to make Hitler the sole determinant of their destinies in the 1933 poll. Benito Mussolini staged his march on Rome with the confused support of the people. And Joe Stalin put seven million political opponents into forced labor camps with the apathetic consent of the other 150 or 200 million Russians.

Unfortunately, to the average slogger, the word "leader" applies equally to a Canadian Prime Minister who allegedly takes orders from the people, and to Adolph Hitler who gave orders to them, (der Fuehrer - "the leader"). That such a gross contradiction encompassed in one word can rest so unquestioningly within his cranial cavity is testimony to the pervasiveness of those in thought control. Democracy then comes to mean an electoral choice between several potential father figures who will ride herd on a majority which does not know where to go, in a semi-chaotic system that the shepherds don't understand much either.

But the humans below can think politically in their interests, just as those above now do. Historically, man has continuously changed his circumstances to better suit his needs. There is no evidence to prove that he will stop now. Let's get the next change rolling.

J. G. Jenkins

Post Script

Prime Minister Trudeau, speaking on price and wage controls, inadvertently perhaps, combined the three words that so aptly described class ownership and control of society - "leadership," "power," and "dictator," quote -

It is the law, it is going to be the law of the land. And whether you want to march in the parade or not, it is just too bad you are going to have to march. And just saying: "Oh, here is that pretty dictator. Well, you can ask for leadership and you can't ask for controls and not realize that the government is going to have to exercise more power." Victoria Times, Nov. 18/75).

In this respect, Marx and Engels described political power as "...the organized power of one class for oppressing another." They rejected leadership by emphasizing that, "The proletarian movement is the self conscious, independent movement of the immense majority in the interest of the immense majority." (Communist Manifesto) And in the "Cologne Communist Trial" Marx said to the workers, "You will have...to change yourselves to prepare yourselves for the exercise of political power."

It is encouraging to know that some workers are changing themselves, and recognizing some facts of society that the bosses' chief executive is sensitive about, that Trudeau wields political power against them, (not for) and that leadership has been accurately associated with dictatorship.

Question

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Like most elections, to date under world capitalism, the latest B.C. poll was a lead pipe cinch for those who own and control the means of life. Their representatives were the only names on the ballot. The vast majority who are forced to sell their lives to the ruling class were not represented in terms of their real interests. They were disenfranchised.

THE B.C. ELECTION

Any workers who may have desired emancipation from capitalist class domination were reduced to writing in on the ballot the object of their desires, e.g., the common ownership of Socialism, or the name of the Socialist Party of Canada, which party was unable to field candidates. Liberals and Conservatives are openly recognized as being for the employing class. And the NDP should be by this time. So should the state capitalist ideology of the Canadian representatives of the Russian and Chinese dictatorships, both of whom apparently ran token candidates. The Trotskyists and one of their splinters were also-runs, under such beguiling titles as - League for Socialist Action and Revolutionary Marxist Group in the Vancouver area. None of these have anything to do with Socialism or Marxism, being as they are solidly in favor of the continuation of the present social division between owners and non-owners of the means of life.

Once the electorate sensed that the reborn Socreds were going to retain all the "beneficial" NDP legislation, they swung toward Bill Bennett, leader of the present provincial party and son of the founder of Social Credit in B.C. They must have conjured a winner by combining the so-called good brought in by a social worker (Barrett) with the administrative ability of a businessman (Bennett).

It takes some imagination to delineate between a leftist and rightist, but there are thousands of workers with that much imagination, sadly to say, and one of the "rightists" said it was a bad situation when the boss in the government was the same as the boss on the job. He was referring to the statism of the NDP but did not realize the extent of his hair splitting, since under "free enterprise", as it was in the old days, the boss of the privately owned industries always had the forces of the government at his beck and call, as many bloodied strikers would testify. The two wings of the bird of capitalism have coalesced and no matter how loudly the "free enterprisers" hollered "socialism" at the NDP, or the NDP hollered "corporate rky-offers" at the Socreds, the fact is the new Social Credit Government will carry on much the same as the outgoing party did. Both parties support the welfare system. One is noisy about the cheaters, the other quiet. But both investigate the cheaters.

Both parties were, and are, supported by business men, one by one group, the other by a larger group. One daily paper supported the NDP and probably some weeklies did too. Both support the continued class ownership of the means of life by a few, and the abusive deceptions that are necessary to keep the useful majority thinking this system functions for them too, whether state or private.

AND A FEW ALLEGORIES

Millionaire and senator W.A.C. Bennett flew in from the sunny sands of Florida on election night to congratulate his victorious men and to announce that: "A peoples' government is back in power again". (Victoria Times, Dec. 12th). Most of the "people", overloaded with free choice as they are, and in their usual masochistic way, said, "To hell with sunny beaches" and other pleasing activities, chose to wage-slave for their masters on that dull December day, except for a short time off the treadmill to leap the employers in control via the ballot box.

Some of these all powerful people are known as senior citizens and in keeping with their liberated status chose to live in dungeons and to supplement their tea and toast with pet food back in the days of the first "free enterprise peoples'" government in charge of the first Bennett. According to press reports they pursued the same freedom loving ways under the "Socialist peoples' party" capitalists government and undrubbly will insist on this prerogative under the refurbished peoples' regime of Bennett the second.

Part of the Socred scare tactics were to accuse the NDP government of mismanagement and spending too much of the peoples' money. Before Barrett stepped down however he trotted out a provincial financial statement which said the people were not all that badly off, and which was headlined by a newspaper which calls itself Conservative as "WE'RE IN GOOD SHAPE". Government reserves were boasted as being 40 per cent higher than those left by the previous government, to the tune \$143 million. Too bad the people couldn't use some of this money of theirs to help with the payments on their camper trucks, color televisions and house mortgages. Ah well, the politicians know best. But Barrett sounded very sincere when he said: "I want people to sit down and look at these figures and remember how the vast treasure that has been stored in these assets by this government and they should not be considered lightly". (Victoria Times, Dec. 19th.) Well, it transpired that they were considered lightly a few days later by the director of finance. Bill Stow who accused Barrett of "cooking" the figures to show the NDP in a more favorable light and that government money reserves were really not reserves at all but were debts amounting to \$324 million.

In the news

WICKED DOCTORS - AND HUMAN NATURE

In Naples, Italy, two doctors have been arrested on charges of negligence following an epidemic of salmonella poisoning which killed 17 babies. One was an analyst at Avellino Civic Hospital, the other the director of the private maternity clinic where the epidemic broke out, and both face from 3 to 12 years in jail if convicted.

The struggle between the two classes never stops, and the guardians of property in the means of production and distribution never cease their political warfare of ideas against the workers, to keep them in their place. The idea is to keep capitalism looking, if not smelling, like roses. The stresses caused by this exploitative society and that many M.D.'s work under, can be hidden in this case, if the blame for the 17 infant deaths can be transferred to two individuals of the working class, the two doctors in question. Granted it costs the predators a lot to train two doctors in the techniques of patching up nine-to-fivers, and their services would be lost by being jailed too. But think of the far greater propaganda value to be gained by their conviction and incarceration, for a crime produced by capitalism. With the vicious material conditions of the system exacerbated, the workers will tend to believe in the "good guy versus bad guy" theory as the cause of human behaviour. The fact that humans come into this rat-race with bare asses and bare minds, and are behaviourally conditioned by the life-time circumstances they find themselves in, can be relegated to an era that the ruling class hopes the workers will never find.

Hospitals and Profit

Meanwhile, the cash-register orientation of hospitals proceeds apace. A woman in Calgary who is nearly over-due for a kidney transplant was turned away from the Foothills Hospital because she did not follow "the proper referral procedure". (Victoria Times, Sept. 17/75). And an Ontario couple, vacationing in Florida were threatened with arrest if they did not pay \$450 or post a \$15,000 bond to the Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale for the expenses of an unexpected birth. The baby developed complications (organic not political) and had to remain in hospital. The vacationers, not having the \$450, and fearing arrest, fled back to Canada without their child. A spokesman for this religiously named county institution financed by the government, said of its precautions:

Any business has a right to do that.
(Emphasis added).

That's the way capitalism adds up, whether state or private, or an obnoxious mixture of both.

Woman Under Socialism

August Bebel

Some scientific works seem timeless but Bebel's work of 1883 hardly lives up to the year of its writing.

The book begins with a fairly comprehensive study of past society in relation to women and gives a very extensive accounting of the conditions of working women in the 19th century and for this the book has value. But when Bebel searches for women of the future he fails miserably. Seemingly not knowing where to go Bebel makes a lengthy study into the productive potential of agriculture. He makes fairly short work of the Malthusians but the reader must ask, why Bebel did not write two books.

In his discussions about food Bebel comes a pretty strong for chemicals as well as for artificial foods. Both of these are very questionable. The naturally grown food advocates may have more fervor than reflection but they just may have something going. "Pill meals" were quite a popular discussion topic just after World War II. Since, even overly refined foods are thought to detract from peoples health.

On health, three seemingly unrelated issues, brought up by Bebel, deserve note: 1. The high rate of female mortality due to "child-bed fever". 2. The deathly "miasmas" arising from the sewage. 3. Women, who are "held back by prejudice" from using the "excellent" maternity facilities of the university hospitals.

At one time the so-called "child-bed fever", which frequently followed child birth was thought to be caused by "miasmas." "Miasmas" were thought to be diseases carrying vapors arising from decaying animal or vegetable matter. The concept is now discredited. About 1853 the Hungarian physician, Dr. Ignaz Phillip Semmelweis, discovered that so-called "child-bed fever" was none other than puerperal fever and was induced by decaying human matter induced into the person's system. How was the decaying human matter induced into the patient's system? Doctors would demonstrate to cadavers at university lectures. Then without washing their hands they would deliver a baby. THE DOCTORS WERE ACTUALLY KILLING THEIR PATIENTS. (Something for today's wholesale pill pushers to reflect upon). The medical elite greeted such a revelation with less than enthusiasm. Within 10 years' their derision and ridicule, combined with the continuing horror, drove Semmelweis to insanity and suicide. It was not until 1890, some 37 odd years after Semmelweis' discovery, that it was fully recognized to be valid. So women

"prejudice" of the university hospitals, of the times, was well founded. Be it by instinct or experience they were keeping away from the surgeon's death dealing fingers. Perhaps Bebel was too busy in the German Parliament to be knowledgeable about this.

Bebel is also guilty of over-planning socialism something he has in common with his English translator - Daniel de Leon. The various avenues of his "planning" leave room to annoy just about everyone. His desire to drain the swamps (with their evil "miasma" fumes) for agricultural purposes must horrify lovers of wildlife. Bebel also shows signs of puritanism. He extols the biblical quotation (although he is not religious) "He that will not work neither shall he eat." He worries about the evil effects of "immoral books." The definition of "immoral books" is a can of worms that most socialists, today, are wise enough to stay out of. Perhaps, the only book of which they could reach a common agreement as being immoral is the Book's Bible (Reader's Digest). But they would not want to burn it. Probably, Bebel does not visualize eating "pill meals" all the time because he does advocate communal kitchens.

Perhaps, Bebel is guilty of being too much of a technologist and not enough of a socialist. As such, his "plan" of socialism must, for many, conjure up the worst concept of a book burning, barrack living, regimented state, with everyone worried about not doing their stint for fear of being marked as a laggard and being cut off at the dinner table.

To be charitable to Bebel it must be considered that the level of productivity in his time was such that it may have appeared necessary, to him, to have some form of compulsion to work. Now productive potential is such that it becomes rarer and rarer that this question is even broached to socialists. Notwithstanding this increased productive potential there can be expected to be, within socialist society, social forces that either completely eradicate this phenomena or, at least, diminish it to a level that it will consume less human energy to ignore it that it will to police it.

As to communal living - this is, presently, a concept that frightens many. To create the impression that this is the way everyone will live is not only unwise but also untrue. Sufficient to say that if people wish to live this way they will. If they wish otherwise they will choose otherwise. Some may gravitate to a nuclear family, some to the non-nuclear family. Bebel fails to even consider this. He seems only to be able to conceive of the monogamist relationship. Reflecting the social order in which they live, people will gravitate to those social structures that give the greatest amount of human happiness. Indeed, examples of communal living and non-nuclear families exist within capitalist society. Whether they increase or diminish in socialist society only the future will tell.

Today, many women groups have expressed a desire for freedom. To give Bebel his due, he does a good job of showing how socialism will free women from economic subservience. Admittedly many of these women's activities are severely used as fraudulent decoys to increase the labor market (and thus decrease wages) and decrease the total leisure time of both men and women. Nevertheless socialist should encourage the steps of women towards increased intellectual participation. Inevitably, these steps must lead to the only path for women's emancipation - socialism. Sent to say few women have developed their thinking to the level that they have put their feet upon this path. Part, at least, of the responsibility for this must be laid at the feet of socialists for failing to shine enough light in this direction. The dusting off of Bebel's book at this time can be considered symptomatic of the paucity of socialist effort in this direction. Certainly, today, socialists should be able to do better.

Larry Tichner

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God is another necessary part of the world capitalist economy, state or private. He is needed to help keep workers docile and He is connected in every ruling class intrigue. A bunch of those who monopolize His Word gathered in Nairobi, Kenya recently, probably with the Kenyan "black Hitler's" blessing. Just Kenyatta's one-party state of graft and corruption tolerates no opposition. The "World Council of Churches" venue choice was appropos, with the unquestioned Father from On High obviously harmonizing with his morbid political counterpart on earth. During the conference of Churchmen, 'xai, on the side of U.S. and Dutch rulers did some "power maneuvering" against Gae's Soviet threat of "Russian Orthodoxy is policy making" by telling a Christian lie to the Orthodox leader. (Detailed on the Church page Victoria Times, Jan. 10/76). Thus for the annual Western Christian profits (triphed over Russian Christian profits, the coup being enacted in the hospitable surroundings of an African dictatorship.

Charity with Violence -

- PATTY HEARST -

Patty Hearst, newspaper empire heiress and kidnaped-turned urban guerrilla was finally arrested and the tragicomic antics of the Rubiconese Liberation Army have been brought back into the news. One of these was the ransom demanded from Patty's father. Forcing the authorities to increase their distribution of crumbs to the destitute a bit more than organizations like that other army known as the "Salvation" were doing previously legitimately, is 19th century humanitarianism revived. Anyway, reforms to protect their system is something the rulers of society cannot avoid, but the opportunity to misrepresent this conservative process as "revolution" in their mass media is a double favor they receive from the rifle toting "urban guerrillas" without even a "thank you". What better means to make revolution look silly?

Now that the publicity seeking Manson family, and Sarah Moore, after having made attempts on President Ford's life, are being submitted to psychiatric tests, an ingredient of logic has been added to the phylloph.

The violence prone guerrillas might think they are fighting fire with fire, but alas, it isn't violence per se that the powerful omniscient ones use to keep the majority in ambient passivity. The magic wand is none other than the act of inducing them to think thoughts good for capital. Working class consciousness about the seeming maze around them is the antidote. The guerrillas with their present thinking, or lack of it, wouldn't touch the question of class ownership with the proverbial ten foot pole.

How easy it was for a rich man's daughter to accept her father's concept of righting social wrongs, spiced up a bit with century-old fantasy. As for Sarah Moore, ego starved society patron-philanthropist-social worker-cum FBI informer to join the ranks of the dead-end shadow boxers. Another little rich girl, apparently suffering no ego-starvation, chose the traditional way of soothing social sores. Christina Onassis is donating part of her father's estate to charity. Without the machine guns, no "revolution". (And hear those \$ returns ring their happy tune).

ENTER ANGELA DAVIS - Angela Davis' harmless comments from Chicago about Patty Hearst were circulating widely. She said the urban guerrillas accomplished little "in the real struggle". "Robbing a bank in Los Angeles will not free oppressed people; nor will killing a school superintendent in Oakland", she said. Right on. But neither will her attempt to "improve" the U.S. which she regards as "her country". (Victoria Times, Nov. 29/75). Contrary to Angela's fond capitalist indoctrination, the workers have no country, neither the U.S. or any other.

The "real struggle" is about who shall own the means of life, a minority as at present or well society.

As a member of the U.S. anti-communist "Communist Party", Angela received plaudits from the Kremlin plutocrats when she won her acquittal of charges of aiding the Soledad brothers' escape via the Marin County Courthouse shoot out.

With her acceptance of class ownership, state and private, and of the wages system and her tolerance on restricting her activities to improving the conditions of the oppressed, it could be suggested that she crusade to improve the standards of Russian jails up to the U.S. level. Perhaps she could compare notes with Pyotr Yakir or Solzhenitsyn who are both liberal reformers of capitalism. Maybe they could get together to "humanize" the FBI and the KGB. Angela was again widely reported in East Berlin, connected with a Soviet sponsored women's lib movement (exclusive of those women in forced labor camps). Whatever she does, she reinforces capitalist ideology, as is consequently reported by the media. She has finally returned to college teaching, a course titled "Black Women and the Development of the Black Community". Black labor power will produce profits just as well as the white kind will. Improve ghetto conditions — improve productive abilities of all. Never question class ownership of the means of life. This is the type of thinking, or the results that accrue from it, of all the romantic anti-revolutionary "revolutionaries". It leaves the system untouched. The fantastic wealth produced by the useful section and accrued by the parasitic owners remains unabated in its flow. For instance a rubber and real estate magnate says music makes his friends more interesting, so to improve his social life he nonchalantly bought the \$1 million concert hall of the University of Miami. Quoted, he said, "All I do is give money and that's nothing". (Victoria Times, Aug. 28/71).

How nice that Angela had a newly developed Soviet rose named after her. The whole business has a small unconnected with roses or solving the problems of the propertiless majority of this earth.

Resignation of a Finance Minister

LEADERS SHOULD'T MAKE PROMISES

A world recession, rising unemployment and inflation and perhaps a shade more worker discontent than usual seemed to have something to do with the resignation of federal finance minister John Turner. Rumored to be petulant over not being allowed to implement radical price controls, it was theorized that he abdicated before the electorate had a chance to discover his real impotency re controlling capitalism, thus giving him a chance at some future date, when the charisma of the present great leader has eroded further, to replace him in the driver's seat.

Denying the analytical precocity of the electorate is an occupational must of politicians, and they don't all agree on any degree of proficiency. Turner's abdication may be too late according to some columnist James Bayern. He said: "Turner has been giving Trudeau the benefit of his good counsel for the past seven years without noticeably improving the state of the country." Bruce Hutchinson, chief editor of the Vancouver Sun, commenting on Turner's bailing out of the flight crew's cabin of the airplane of capitalism said, "...it is a good time to be out of office".

Bangladesh Too

The maintain wings are strewn with the political skeletons of pilots forced down by the economic storm of this class divided society. The beloved Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who returned triumphantly to the new country of Bangladesh in 1972 amid screams of "long live Sheikh Mujib" to steer his state to prosperity, did not survive his failure. His assassination three years later, not only defied the hysterical sentiments of his followers but helped to spotlight the political darkness of the masses who blindly depend on leaders. The victims of capitalism in Bangladesh are just as badly off now as they were when the new country occupied the launching pad.

NIGERIA ANOTHER EXAMPLE

Nigeria's General Yakubu Gowon, national leader, left the country for a brief vacation from flight duties, and while he was away a new military navigator took over. Trouble is that while Nigeria's oil "earnings" quadrupled the country's poor people stayed poor. A report by a columnist last fall said of Gowon "...many Nigerians lost respect for him" because of unfulfilled pledges to replace fat-cat governors, build roads, maintain public utilities, etc. How these good deeds for the drudges could be accomplished without being "at the expense of the poor" was not explained. "Much unrest followed Gowon's reign", the report said.

A U.S. specialist in Nigerian affairs took the story further. "I think he (Gowon) understood politics, but he really wished it would all go away and people would just get together and do things that needed to be done in Nigeria" (Victoria Times, Aug. 2/75).

His friends said Gowon was "...too good, a platonic philosopher in a country that needs a tough-talking, head-cracking administrator". But how many times have the faithful workers been told that philosophical leaders, great minds, are exactly what they need? Whether the new chief executive for the newly oil-rich rulers of Nigeria is tough or not, the smooth running of the profit pumping process is still a dream. Aside from the unavoidable struggle between the classes, capitalism in Nigeria is as unplannable as it is anywhere else. The communications system for one thing, still seems to be adrift, in spite of a \$13

million subsidy from Canada. Hundreds of freighters have been anchored in Nigerian harbors for months unable to unload cargoes because of scarcity on the docks, and TIME predicts that future freighters may have to wait in Nigerian harbor for as long as five years before their turn arrives to unload.

The U.S. specialist finalized his report when asked by saying -

...a wiser statesman would perhaps have realized he shouldn't promise what he doesn't intend to do - or what he is incapable of immediately producing" (unpublished)

SASKATCHEWAN

A parallel observation was expressed by the one minister of agriculture in Saskatchewan's NDP government, who had for years been a member of the militant National Farmers Union, when he said, "politics is the art of the possible".

That does not prevent most politicians from promising they can do more. They have no choice. It is part of the game of pretending that the affairs of today are classless. Their success is measured by their adroitness in leading the workers down the garden path. As an instance - all parties in the House of Commons recently celebrated Tommy Douglas's 40th anniversary as a member, though he too fell, after 17 years at the controls in Saskatchewan. Success in leading the blind is often measured, or praised, by colleagues, and that perennial purveyor of the CCP-NUP, Dr. Frank Scott of McGill University observed of Tommy Douglas:

He was able to put it (the leftist idea) into words that made it seem perfectly reasonable to ordinary people. He was therefore the best. (Time, Oct. 2/75).

Neither the leftist, rightist or centrist ideas, as reasonable as they may sound, are in the interests of those who do not own capital, but they are all necessary to keep the unplannable system stumbling along. And if it could be compared to a modern airliner, a close examination would disclose that the flight crew is actually spending a lot of its time among the paying passengers, leaving the social ship with no pilot. Governments spend part of their time controlling the system. The rest of the time it pushes them around.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE LEFT THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA (ML)

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Canada is graced with another "workers" party with origins outside the country. The CPC (ML) came from China. China is now going through the same intense industrialization process that the USSR traversed. The Chinese workers and peasants, being motivated by the whiplash of the wage-system-poverty from behind and the political ideology carried from the front as all workers are, swallow a philosophical potion similar to that of Russian wage-slaves. That is, capitalism disguised as Marxism by Lenin.

The break-down of friendly relations between the rulers of China and Russia is just part of normal relations between any two national groups of capitalists, over disagreements about territory, raw materials, exploitable human beings, nuclear arms development and allocation of investments. The thousands of millionaires in Russia is probably a more widely recognized fact than the hundreds of millionaires in China or the other extremes of poverty and wealth that prevail in that country. (Dr. Barry Richman - "Capitalists and Managers in China"). With the anti-social effects of the new state capitalism being more successfully concealed, and with the popularity of reforms still strong, former worshippers of the Moscow shrine have turned to China as the new Mecca. And the Maoists of Canada have gathered their young idealists to their fold.

Since Mao broke with Khrushchev but was still in need of the Russian generated ideology to condition his subservient millions, he dropped Khrushchev in favor of Stalinism and Leninism, which are but two halves of the same coin, but this solved his propaganda dilemma. Consequently, in Canada there are two so-called "Communist" parties in mutual opposition, each accusing the other of being reformist or non-revolutionary. The Maoists agitate against the U.S. in favor of Chinese foreign policy now more than the Moscow bunch do in favor of Russia. The developing Chinese class of state capitalists, being compelled by the system to struggle for materials and trade outside their country which were previously monopolized by Western capitalist powers, do so by supporting native capitalist rebellions in backward countries against their old capitalist competitors. The Maoist parties, including the one in Canada, conceal this old-fashioned power struggle by their Chinese bosses under a false picture of a classless struggle by all the people of these countries against "imperialism."

Always concealing the class divided nature of capitalism in which big business would be nationalized and small business encouraged which for the workers means continued exploitation for the profit of the few. And since the struggle for markets within the nation and abroad can not be avoided regardless of what party runs the system, pressure against wages and other forms of cutting costs of production would be maintained. The Maoist Party in Canada would be just as helplessly trapped by the relentless economic laws of capitalism in office, as its Mother party is at the helm of capitalism in China. Having similar material and ideological origins to the Maoists, the Maoists espouse direct action or violence while tolerating electoral activity. And like the Moscow or old "Communist" Party, their campaign of sops for the workers makes them similar to the other left or right wing parties and their agitation for workers' and union rights in face of what Mao does to workers in China is contradictory. There is little difference between the program of workers rights to strike, national identity, minority rights against racial discrimination etc. conducted by the Progressive Conservative Party and the one carried on by the Maoists, except that the Maoists decorate their patching up program with the name "Socialism" or "Marxism". If the Progressive Conservative Party used street violence and changed its name appropriately, it would have just as much reason to call itself "revolutionary" as the Maoists do.

The overwhelming similarity between the CPC (ML) and the other parties is its overt commitment to continued class ownership of the means of life in advanced countries and its goal of spreading capitalist relations of production farther than they are now, that is, to industrially backward or tribal parts of the world. The very opposite to what a socialist or communist party ought to be doing.

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Rescue Operations

Michael Korda, vice-president and editor in chief of Simon and Schuster book publishers, is a prominent champion of capitalism, even if, contrary to most champions, he does not apologise for it. His description in a recent book about today's social environment was apt:

No matter who you are, the basic truth is that your interests are nobody else's concern, your gain is inevitably someone else's loss, your failure somebody else's victory. The sudden violence and uncertainty of primitive life can hardly compare to the degradations of our society ... we are at the mercy of monsters ... power is a means of protecting ourselves against the cruelty, indifference and ruthlessness of other men.

Another pro-capitalist source, Suzanne Zmarin in Weekend Magazine (Nov. 1/75), complains because some Cree Indian children of Saskatchewan learn the lessons taught by the anarchistic school of capitalism too well. She said:

They load the jails, the welfare rolls and alcohol and drug abuse programs until they die.

She tells her readers about a new type of rehabilitation camp in the north called "Klahanee" which is attempting to -

... turn underprivileged, often illiterate hell raisers into warm, caring, confident human beings, who can cope with the world...

Any humanitarian spark that may fuel this "rescue operation of course is dampened by the money-profit priority which dominates current social relationships. Of the previous thousands of young people who have failed to conform as good "exploitable human resources" for capital, she complains -

... Canadian taxpayers have already contributed billions of dollars to rescue them.

But, she continues -

... the problems seem to grow every year. Nobody knows if Kamp Klahanee will succeed where others have failed.

Perhaps Suzanne is aware of some of the contradictions of this system, including the one in her article which says on one hand that people should be "warm, caring, human beings" who on the other hand "can cope with the world," described by her exhort as involving the "cruelty, indifference and ruthlessness of other men." But, undaunted, the reformers carry on.

Party Activities -

VICTORIA LOCAL

The recent provincial election in B.C. presented more than the usual motivation for leaflet distribution. Victoria Local produced 70,500 copies of a Party election statement, with about 9,500 or more of these being distributed. An attempt was made to distribute some beyond the local area. Five hundred were sent to a group of contacts in the Salmo Arm area; 200 to a former member in Grand Forks; 800 were distributed by two members in Port Alberni; 500 in Nanaimo, a few in Parksville and Duncan. Four hundred were sent to members in Vancouver, and three Victoria members journeyed to Vancouver and handed out about 3,500 to a large meeting involving the leaders of what are known as the 4 main capitalist parties. The rest were distributed in the greater Victoria area.

Classified ads were placed in two Victoria and two Vancouver daily papers. And local activity seems to have filtered up to the attention of the editor of one daily, who had two cartoons published which satirized the New Democratic Party as being non-Socialist. In addition to an article about former NDP Premier Barrett's big rally, the Victoria Times had a sentence for the Socialist Party of Canada:

The real Socialists were outside S.J. Willis school that Saturday night, standing in the cold handing leaflets to people rushing past to hear Barrett. "Guns and cash registers in the museum," was one leafleter's slogan.

There were not enough active members to warrant an attempt at running a candidate in the election.

An economics class is being conducted twice a month through the winter. For particulars phone 382-6827, 652-3883, 479-2826 or 479-4885.

B.C. ELECTION (concluded)

All these parties know that "the people" are very important. In addition to producing all the wealth the rulers own the workers manage their own exploitation from top to bottom. For such unprecedented services the rulers must be very grateful. But being knowledgeable about their position in society, they seek to perpetuate it by keeping the workers thinking along the business' lines, and registering their loyalty to an alien class every three or four years. But as far as the workers' real interests are concerned, that is escaping from wage-slavery, in this recent election they might just as well have put all the ballot names on a roulette wheel and spun it. Where it stopped would have represented little difference to their lives. JOW

THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

OBJECT:

The establishment of a system of society based upon the common ownership and democratic control of the means and instruments of producing and distributing wealth by and in interest of society as a whole.

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P.O. Box 4280, Stn. A,
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To the Socialist Party of Canada,
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Please provide the following: (underline)

FULCRUM (Socialist Party of Canada) 8 issues \$2.00

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I am interested in becoming a member . . . ☐

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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

The Companion Parties of Socialism hold:

1. That society as at present constituted is based upon the ownership of the means of living (i.e., land, factories, railways, etc.) by the capitalist or master class, and the consequent enslavement of the working class, by whom labor alone wealth is produced.
2. That in society, therefore, there is an antagonism of interests, manifesting itself as a class struggle between those who possess but do not produce, and those who produce but do not possess.
3. That this antagonism can be abolished only by the emancipation of the working class from the domination of the master class by the conversion into the common property of society of the means of production and distribution, and their democratic control by the whole people.
4. That as in the order of social evolution the working class is the last class to achieve its freedom, the emancipation of the working class will involve the emancipation of mankind, without distinction of race or sex.
5. That this emancipation must be the work of the working class itself.
6. That as the machinery of government, including the armed forces of the nation, exists only to conserve the monopoly by the capitalist class of the wealth taken from the workers, the working class must organize consciously and politically for the conquest of the powers of government, in order that this machinery, including these forces, may be converted from an instrument of oppression into the agent of emancipation and overthrow of plutocratic privileges.
7. That as political parties are but the expression of class interests, and as the interest of the working class is diametrically opposed to the interest of all sections of the master class, the party seeking working class emancipation must be hostile to every other party.
8. THE COMPANION PARTIES OF SOCIALISM, therefore, enter the field of political action determined to wage war against all other political parties, whether alleged labor or avowedly capitalist, and call upon all members of the working class of these countries to support these principles to the end that a termination may be brought to the system which deprives them of the fruits of their labor, and that poverty may give place to comfort, privilege to equality, and slavery to freedom.

Those agreeing with the above principles and desiring recognition in the Party should apply for Application for Membership from the sec'y of nearest local or the Nat'l Hdqrs.

These seven parties adhere to the same Socialist Principles:

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